

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the Matter of:

THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION	)	
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vs.	)	CASE NO. 9085
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LESLIE COUNTY TELEPHONE COMPANY	)	

O R D E R

On June 5, 1985, the Commission received a letter from Leslie County Telephone Company, Inc., ("Leslie County") requesting a 60-day extension to complete the construction program in its Buckhorn and Canoe exchanges. The construction dates were originally set in this case by Order entered January 23, 1985. The Order further stated that if the construction was not completed as planned, penalty provisions pursuant to KRS 278.990 may be imposed upon Leslie County. In the letter, Leslie County indicated that the bids received for construction in these exchanges exceed their estimates by 20 percent; therefore Leslie County refused all bids and sent out notices to re-bid the project.

The additional 60 days requested by Leslie County will cause the construction projects in the Buckhorn and Canoe exchanges to be completed during the months of January and February, which usually have the most severe weather. While Leslie County is attempting to hold the subscriber rate to a reasonable level and the Commission desires that the residents of

Buckhorn and Canoe have good telephone service as quickly as possible the Commission will not accept inclement weather as an excuse for Leslie County's failure to complete the construction at the Buckhorn and Canoe exchanges according to the revised schedule.

The Commission, having considered the matter and being advised, is of the opinion and finds that:

1. Leslie County has shown sufficient cause to extend the completion date for the construction in the Buckhorn and Canoe exchanges by 60 days.

2. Leslie County should inform the subscribers of the Buckhorn and Canoe exchanges of the delay by means of a bill insert.

3. Leslie County should be put on notice that failure for any reason to complete the planned construction in the Buckhorn exchange by January 1, 1986, and in the Canoe exchange by March 1, 1986, may result in the application of the penalty provision pursuant to KRS 278.990.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Leslie County be and it hereby is granted a 60-day extension to complete the planned construction in its Buckhorn and Canoe exchanges.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Leslie County shall inform the subscribers of the Buckhorn and Canoe exchanges of the reasons for the delay and the revised completion dates by inserting a copy of this Order in their next regular bill.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all other provisions in the January 23, 1985, Order shall remain in full force and effect.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 25th day of June, 1985.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Richard D. Demasoff  
Chairman

Robert L. Wilson  
Vice Chairman

Sam Shewell  
Commissioner

ATTEST:

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Secretary